IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace the claims with the following rewritten listing.

 (Currently Amended) Sound receiver for an <u>fully</u> implantable hearing aid, comprising a sound receiver being

an implantable electromechanic transducer, which converts the force resulting of an accelerated mass into an electric signal, the sound-receiver-has

at least one of an impedance and A/D converter configured for processing the electric signal;

a signal processing unit

feedlines configured for to a connection connect the implantable electromechanic transducer to the with a signal processing unit and provides

a mounting mechanism configured for attachment of the implantable electromechanic transducer to at least one of the ossicles in the ossieleossicular chain,

wherein the implantable electromechanic transducer sound receiver being is rigidly fixed to malleus or incus, in a manner that permanently interrupts the ossicular chain is permanently interrupted, such that and the incus and stapes, or any replacement thereof, are permanently disconnected and the incus is allowed move independently from the stapes or any replacement thereof.

2-12. (Cancelled)

- 13. (New) Sound receiver for a fully implantable hearing aid, comprising
- an implantable electromechanic transducer, which converts the force resulting of an accelerated mass into an electric signal,
- an impedance and/or A/D converter,
- feedlines for connection of the implantable electromechanic transducer and
- a mounting mechanism configured for attachment of the implantable electromechanic transducer to at least one of the ossicles in the ossicular chain,
 wherein the implantable electromechanic transducer is rigidly fixed to malleus or incus.

and the ossicular chain is permanently interrupted.

- 14. (New) Sound receiver for a fully implantable hearing aid, comprising
- an implantable electromechanic transducer, which converts the force resulting of an accelerated mass into an electric signal,
- an impedance and/or A/D converter,
- feedlines for connection of the implantable electromechanic transducer with the impedance and/or A/D converter and
- a mounting mechanism configured for attachment of the implantable electromechanic transducer to at least one of the ossicles in the ossicular chain, wherein the implantable electromechanic transducer is rigidly fixed to malleus or incus, the ossicular chain is permanently interrupted, and a replacement of the incus is allowed to move independently from the stapes or any replacement thereof.
- 15. (New) Sound receiver for a fully implantable hearing aid, comprising
- an implantable electromechanic transducer, which converts the force resulting of an accelerated mass into an electric signal,
- an impedance and/or A/D converter,
- feedlines for connection of the implantable electromechanic transducer with the impedance and/or A/D converter and
- transducer to at least one of the ossicles in the ossicular chain, wherein the implantable electromechanic transducer is rigidly fixed to malleus or incus, the ossicular chain is permanently interrupted, and a replacement of the incus is allowed to move independently from the stapes.

- a mounting mechanism configured for attachment of the implantable electromechanic

- (New) Fully implantable hearing aid, comprising
- an implantable electromechanic transducer, which converts the force resulting of an accelerated mass into an electric signal,
- an impedance and/or A/D converter for processing the electric signal.

- a signal processing unit,
- feedlines for connection of the implantable electromechanic transducer with the signal processing unit,
- an excitation means implanted in the cochlea to stimulate the auditory nerve, and
- a mounting mechanism configured for attachment of the implantable electromechanic transducer to at least one of the ossicles in the ossicular chain,
- wherein the implantable electromechanic transducer is rigidly fixed to malleus or incus, and the ossicular chain is permanently interrupted.